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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to move a more regular survey, conducted annually, with some reports coming out on a quarterly basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the design of the new annual employment survey has been finalised on the basis of a peer and stakeholders review of the pilot survey''s outcomes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): At present, widely used comprehensive data on labour market (i.e., employment and unemployment statistics) are available only from Employment and Unemployment Surveys conducted by NSSO once in five years. On the recommendation of the National Statistical Commission (NSC), a proposal to carry out Employment and Unemployment Survey at more frequent intervals, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), has been included in 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to measure changes in the labour market on quarterly/annual basis.

The main objective of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is to measure quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market in urban areas as well as to generate the annual estimates of different labour force indicators both in rural and urban areas. The estimates will be brought out at State/UT and all India level. The Annual estimates of the parameters from the PLFS (both rural and urban areas) will broadly cover (i) Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) & Unemployment Rate (UR), (ii) Distribution of workers by industry and occupation, and (iii) Average earnings of workers. The quarterly estimates of changes for urban areas will inter-alia cover Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR).

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government has constituted a Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics (SCLFS) under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. P. Mukherjee with eminent experts/stakeholders and representatives from major user Ministries/Departments of the Government for the purpose of coordinating and integrating labour force surveys in the country and to recommend sampling design for surveys on labour force statistics, including PLFS, by taking into account related international and national standards and other aspects. The Committee has finalized the sampling design for PLFS and it has been submitted for the approval of the National Statistical Commission.

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